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COUNTRY East Germany REPORTTOPIC Fall Exercise of the 12th Gds Tank Div

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1. At about 0700 on 1 October 1955, a column of 17 T-54 tanks, 5 armored personnel carriers and 51 trucks left the Fridetius Kaserne (2205) in Neuruppin toward Katerbow.

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At 1400 on 2 October, 10 trucks  came from the direction of Katerbow and proceeded toward Neuruppin.

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2. On 29 September, it was learned that the AAA unit, previously Unit Zultanov, in the Friedrich Franz Kaserne (2201) in Neuruppin had a new supply officer with the name of Slobin. The larger part of the quarters of this unit was vacant and sealed on the day of observation. It was learned that the unit was expected to return on 2 October. At about 1900 on 2 October, 2 trucks, towing 85-mm AA guns and occupied by some 20 soldiers who carried full field equipment, entered the installation.

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3. Between 1 and 3 October, the SS Kaserne Droegen (2081) in Fuerstenberg was only lightly occupied.

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Comment. These observations confirm a report

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according to which an exercise of the 12th Gds Tank Div was held in the area of the Wittstock training grounds on 1 and 2 October.  Paragraph 1 of the present report indicates that tank units and, paragraph 3, probably the bulk of the 34th Gds Mts Rifle Regt of the division, participated. Information on the 75th AAA Regt makes it appear possible that elements of the division left their installations as early as prior to 1 October. It is possible that the fall exercise had already started on 29 September and that the last units left Neuruppin in order to participate in the final phase of the exercise on 1/2 October.

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